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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN POST-APOLLO PROGRAM

DEPT PASS TO NASA OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

1. SCICOUNS HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM STA TRANSMITTING ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE POST- APOLLO PROGRAM, ACCEPTED ON AUGUST 7 BY THE SPACE ACTIVITIES COMMISSION (SAC). LETTER MAKES IT CLEAR THAT COMPLETION OF REPORT IS BUT ANOTHER STEP IN DEVELOPMENT OF JAPAN'S PROPOSALS FOR POST-APOLLO PARTICIPATION, NOTING THAT SAC "IS NOW STUDYING THE POLICY OF THE JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM." IN REALITY, SAC HAS DELEGATED THIS CONTINUING STUDY TO TY STA STAFF.

2. RESUME OF THE SUMMARY, WHICH BEING POUCHED SOONEST, FOLLOWS:

A) PARTICIPATION IN THE POST-POLLO PROGRAM IN SOME WAY IS ESSENTIAL TO JAPAN, AND OF GREAT VALUE TO PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP IN SPACE FIELD.

B) COMMITTEE FOUND VARIOUS THEMES (LISTED BELOW) WORTHY OF FURTHER STUDY (YAMANO HAS EXPLAINED THAT IN ITS CONTINUING REVIEW, STA WILL NOT BE LIMITED BY THESE TOPICS, WHICH ARE PRIMARILY TO BE REGARDED AS EXAMPLES). IN ADDITION, COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF DATA ACQUISITION AND TRANSMISSION NETWORK FOR "JAPAN-RELATED THEMES."

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C) PARTICIPATION IS SEEN AS PROCEEDING IN TWO PHASES:
AT PRESENT AND IN NEAR FUTURE, COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT JAPAN PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND EXPERIMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN SHUTTLE AND SPACE LAB. PARTICIPATION WOULD INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT (YAMANO HAS STRESSED THIS) OF SUBSYSTEMS SUCH AS SPACE LAB INSTRUMENTS AND DATA ACQUISITION EQUIPMENT. IN LATER PHASE (NO TIME FRAME IS INDICATED) COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT JAPAN DEVELOP COMPLETE MODULES, ETC. RELATED TO OVERALL SYSTEM.

D) COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT IN PARALLEL WITH PARTICIPATION, JAPAN CONDUCT A THOROUGH, SYSTEMATIC SURVEY OF NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR PARTICIPATION.

E) TENTATIVE THEMES FOR COOPERATION IDENTIFIED BY COMMITTEE ARE AS FOLLOWS. THERE ARE NOT RPT NOT IN ORDER OF PRIORITY, AND AS NOTED ABOVE, ARE TO BE CONSIDERED PRIMARILY AS EXAMPLES. ONLY A FEW OF NUMEROUS SUB-TOPICS LISTED ARE INCLUDED IN THIS RESUME.

1) MEASUREMENT AND EXPERIMENT ON ASTRONOMY AND SPACE SCIENCES, INCLUDING X-RAY TELESCOPY, ELECTRON ENERGY MEASUREMENTS, ETC.

2) MEASUREMENT AND EXPERIMENT OF GEOPHYSICS AND GEOGRAPHY, INCLUDING TERRESTRIAL MAGNETISM, TOPOGRAPHIC AND PHYSIOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS, ETC.

3) EXPERIMENT AND RESEARCH ON MEDICAL SCIENCE AND BIOLOGY.

4) EXPERIMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING LASER COMMUNICATION EXPERIMENT, ETC.

5) EXPERIMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ON MATERIAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING IN OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING PRODUCTION OF PURE CRYSTALS, ETC.

6) EXPERIMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ON ELECTRONIC PARTS, MECHANICAL PARTS, AND SPACEBORNE INSTRUMENTS.

7) EXPERIMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ON SPACE APPLICATION
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ACCOMPANIED BY ADVANCEMENT IN SPACE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ACQUISITION AND ANALYSIS OF VARIOUS GROUND DATA, POSITION DETERMINATION SYSTEM FOR AIRPLANES AND BOATS, ETC.
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